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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is the backbone of American capitalism, and it is ludicrous to allow the biggest telecoms company to disallow usage of unbundled network elements. I choose to support at locally owned, competitively priced provider of Internet service. It is unfair to penalize my provider in favor of gigantic corporations that already dominate the market and make millions in annual profits. We need competition to keep prices lower, to keep service providers innovative, and to offer choices to consumers. There has already been massive consolidation in the field of ISPs; there is no logical reason to upset the current system that allows for competition and the growth of local companies in this crucial sector of our economy. I want more choices, not less. Stop this money and market share grab by America's largest corporations.

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